

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1793 - HB 2111

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to offer discounted rates to veterans for activities at Tennessee state parks.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$500,000

Assumptions:

- Approximately 8.3 percent of the Tennessee population would be a qualifying veteran (Number of TN veterans 512,000 / 6,157,000 Total TN population).
- In 2008 there were 30,692,850 visitors to state parks.
- Applying the percentage of TN veterans to the number of visitors to the state parks results in an estimated 2,547,507 (30,692,850 x .083) qualifying veteran visits to state parks each year.
- If 20 percent of such visits resulted in a discount, there would be approximately 509,500 discounts (2,547,507 x .20 = 509,501).
- If each veteran visit resulted in a discount of \$1, the total decrease in state revenue would be approximately \$509,500.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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